

Today and tomorrow the House will consider important legislation based on the recommendations made in the 9-11 Commission Report. The improvements brought about by this legislation will be numerous, but I wanted to specifically mention a few of them.

Most importantly, the 9-11 Commission Implementation Act will create a National Intelligence Director with the authority to oversee all U.S. intelligence gathering and ensure the sharing of information between the different intelligence-gathering agencies.

Additionally, the bill will authorize officials to target and track so-called “lone-wolf” terrorists acting independently of any known terror organization. While Al-Qaeda certainly remains America’s biggest threat, we must not limit our ability to hunt down terrorists acting alone.

Recognizing that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, this bill will also triple the number of immigration enforcement agents we have at our borders in an effort to prevent terrorists from entering our country and striking from within.

These key changes along with a host of others included in the 9-11 Commission Implementation Act will go a long way toward providing for the defense of our homeland.

- Mike Pence